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Re: U.S. EPA: UAO - Docket No. V-W-99-C-554

Dear Mr. Martin:

Following the July 8, 1999, conference, this will serve as Monsanto's and Solutia's two-day response (see UAO p. 15). As part of this response, we request that U.S. EPA incorporate the information, arguments and comments presented by Solutia during the conference. In addition, the parties agreed that, within five business days of the conference, Mr. Light will provide to U.S. EPA technical staff an outline of the proposal presented at the conference.

By July 30, 1999, Solutia will present to U.S. EPA, with assistance from its flood engineering consultant, a plan for direct and prompt action to address ways to reduce creek flooding and its impact on area residences. As orally presented at the conference, Solutia's view of the significance of the culverts to creek flooding will be more definitively explained in the final engineering report, which will be sent to U.S. EPA shortly. We request that the final study be incorporated as part of our comments to the Order.

Suffice it to say, that, after working with the Village of Cahokia and completing the engineering study, Solutia's views of responding to creek flooding differ substantially from that proposed in the Order. Without suggesting that there is any health hazard associated with creek flooding, Solutia believes that there are steps that can be taken to assist the Village in an expedited fashion.

We believe this schedule is consistent with our discussions at the meeting. If there are any additions or changes, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Brent J. Gilhausen

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